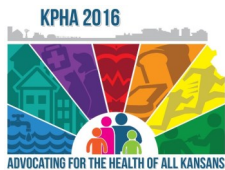


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## Save the Date! 73<sup>rd</sup> KPHA Conference Scheduled for September

*from the Kansas Public Health Association*



Get excited about the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Conference to be held in Wichita, September 20 - 21. This year's conference, Advocating for the Health of All Kansans will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton next to the Wichita airport. The conference will be jam-packed with national keynote speakers, a wide array of informative, timely breakout sessions, a poster session of almost 50 high quality research and other public health projects, recognition of some very deserving advocates and champions in Kansas public health, and much more!

The keynotes speakers will feature Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, President of the American Public Health Association (APHA), John Auerbach, MBA, Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Don Hoppert, Director of Government Relations at APHA. The 25 breakout presentations will offer attendees the opportunity to learn about and discuss the numerous issues impacting Kansas public health. In keeping with the conference theme, there will be breakout sessions focused on advocating for and championing public health. If your area of interest is in oral health, tobacco and e-cigarettes, health literacy, workforce development, epidemiology, health insurance, community health, mental health, or food and nutrition, there are sessions for you. The poster session will provide you an opportunity to learn more about the great research being conducted and the initiatives in place that impact public health in Kansas.

Plans are under way to hold a walk/run/bike event in association with the KPHA Conference. Details of this ground-breaking event will be shared soon. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual KPHA Conference will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues, network with fellow public health professionals, learn and grow in your field, and develop a greater understanding of how to advocate and serve as a champion for public health at the local, regional, and state level. All this without mentioning the great food, annual awards, shopping and entertainment options, and the other little things that make the conference great. We hope to see you in Wichita in September as KPHA continues Promoting and Improving Population Health in Kansas. We can't do it without you. Registration will be open in June on the KPHA website at [www.kpha.us/](http://www.kpha.us/).

## Fairs and Festivals Disease Prevention Toolkit Updated

*by Ingrid Garrison, State Public Health Veterinarian, KDHE*



Fairs and festivals are an important Kansas tradition. They provide an opportunity for people to explore new areas and connect with their heritage, as well as educate and entertain. Animal exhibits and animal contact areas are often part of fairs and festivals and give some people their only up close and personal look at a variety of different animals, especially those traditionally found on farms. This connection, or human-animal bond, is important especially for children. It is equally important to understand that animals can transmit diseases to people. There were approximately 200 human infectious disease outbreaks involving animals in public settings in the United States from 1996-2012. These outbreaks have substantial medical, public health, legal, and economic effects.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has updated the [Disease Prevention for Fairs and Festivals Toolkit](#). It is designed for fair and festival managers and public health officials to understand the considerations that should be made when organizing and operating a fair or festival. It focuses on preventing zoonotic diseases; those diseases transmitted between animals and people, and is based on the Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings. There is an additional section on food safety considerations.

Local health departments are encouraged to contact organizers for fairs and festivals in their county to introduce themselves and provide a copy of this toolkit. Likewise, fair and festival operators are encouraged to review this toolkit and contact their local health department prior to the start of their fair or festival. The Kansas State Research and Extension Office has sent an electronic copy of this toolkit to all Agricultural Extension Agents in Kansas.

We are proud of our heritage and the tradition of fairs and festivals in our great state. For questions regarding the information in this toolkit contact Dr. Ingrid Garrison, State Public Health Veterinarian at 785-296-2501 or Ms. Lindsey Martin Webb, Foodborne and waterborne disease epidemiologist at 785-296-3304.

## Baby Buffer - Translating Science into Positive Parenting

*by the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics*



Stress can adversely affect the body and brain for life. All children experience stressors, and many children experience severe stress. Toxic stress is the excessive or prolonged activation of the physiologic stress response system in the absence of the buffering afforded by stable, responsive relationships. Parents must learn to help their child cope with stressors by providing a protective effect that helps the stress response system return to normal.

Baby Buffer, a program from the Kansas Chapter, reaches parents with children zero-two years with information on how to become a stable, responsive, supportive parent. Weekly age-specific emails are sent to parents with easy to understand parenting information including the brain science behind this advice.

The Baby Buffer website, [www.babybuffer.org](http://www.babybuffer.org) has the email sign-up form and additional parenting resources, with a focus on brain science. Contact Mel Hudelson at [mel.hudelson@kansasaap.org](mailto:mel.hudelson@kansasaap.org) to receive PDF versions of wall signs, handouts, and prescriptions.



## Spring 2016 Regional Public Health Meetings Scheduled

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program  
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**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

The 2016 Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) sponsored regional public health meetings are designed to connect local health departments (LHD) with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. They also provide the opportunity to network with other administrators and public health professionals. These meetings are planned for the local LHD administrator; however any staff person interested in a particular topic is welcome to attend. Register on KS-TRAIN <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1062831.

The agenda includes the following: What Can I Expect? Alzheimer's Association Regional Staff; Update on Kansas Local Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Ghazala Perveen, Director of Science and Surveillance and Pratik Pandya, Advanced Epidemiologist, KDHE; Clinical Responsibilities for Coding and Billing, Aaron Davis, Project Manager, WSU Community Engagement Center, Public Health Initiatives.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- NC Region, Beloit - June 1
- NE Region, Topeka - June 14

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at [tcaudle@kdheks.gov](mailto:tcaudle@kdheks.gov).

## Welcome to the New Era of Public Health Training



Given urgent national health threats and ongoing global public health challenges, receiving outstanding public health training has never been more crucial. To ensure public health professionals like you are able to easily access quality public health training, the National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training (NCCPHT) has partnered with the [Midwestern Public Health Training Center](#), nine other Regional Public Health Training Centers (RPHTC) and 40 local performance sites (LPS) across the nation to form the Public Health Learning Network (PHLN).

The PHLN elevates public health training by:

- Conducting research with professionals to ensure training offerings meet your needs
- Increasing access to training by offering a variety of learning opportunities, both in-person and online
- Offering practical training that is applicable to your day-to-day work

A collaborative network, the PHLN is here to support your educational and training needs and elevate the field of public health across the nation. [Learn more](#) about how the PHLN supports your pursuit of outstanding public health training and [sign up](#) for news and information about excellence in public health training.



Handouts and Presentations from the Governor's Public Health Conference are available on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment [website](#).

## Bureau of Community Health Systems Welcomes New Staff

*from the Local Public Health Program*



The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health section of the Bureau of Community Health Systems welcomed two new staff members in May, Beeta Kashani and Ashley Tierce who will be filling the roles of program analyst/coordinators supporting various grants and programs that the team oversees. Beeta is a recent graduate of the masters of public health program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, returning back to Kansas. Ashley transferred from the Bureau of Health Promotion where she served as the Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System survey supervisor.

Elisa Nehrbass and Catherine Byrd joined the Preparedness Program as the Training Coordinator and Grants Management Coordinator, respectively. Elisa possesses a Master's degree in Education, as well as a background in developing and providing educational trainings on a local and county level. She has been a trainer for the past 13 years for early education providers on topics such as emergency preparedness, mental health, health and safety in childcare environments.

Wendy Gronau joined the Trauma program in May as the Regional Trauma Coordinator and the Health Facilities program recently welcomed four new team members, Jim Perkins, Director of the Health Facilities Program and surveyors Sheila Lasko, Robbin Lehman, Mary Campbell and Joan Pierce.

## Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium Update

*by the Community Engagement Institute, WSU*



The first ever Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium was held on May 11 at the Wichita Marriott. Among the 173 participants-- representing public and private healthcare, local and state government, non-profit organizations, and other sectors-- 40 percent identified themselves as Community Health Workers (CHWs). The American Public Health Association [defines a CHW](#) as a



frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. A community health worker also builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

This event happened thanks to funding support from the Kansas Health Foundation and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Community Engagement Institute's Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State University convened a design team of 25 representatives from across the state who helped recruit 22 Kansas CHW experts who presented their work.

National leaders in CHWs, Carl Rush and Fernando Pineda-Reyes inspired the audience by sharing what's working nationally and connecting to passion and purpose. Initial themes from group discussion at the end of the day included a need to clarify CHW roles, sustainable funding models, increased integration into health care teams, development of a statewide coalition and needs for training. The full report from the conference will be available soon by contacting Sonja Armbruster or Alissa Rankin at [alissa.rankin@wichita.edu](mailto:alissa.rankin@wichita.edu). The report will include all of the poetry generated by participants. Here is an example of one poem titled: CHW Haiku Impact

We are life changers.  
We meet people where they are,  
We don't leave them there!



## Working Outdoors in Warm Climates Fact Sheet Available



Hot summer months pose special hazards for outdoor workers who must protect themselves against heat, sun exposure, animal bites and other hazards. A [Working Outdoors in Warm Climates](#) fact sheet was recently developed by the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment staff. Thank you to Lougene Marsh, Administrator for the health department for sharing the fact sheet.

## Preliminary Birth Report Kansas - 2015 Now Available

*by the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics*



This report from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) presents a [preliminary summary of Kansas births for 2015](#). Selected birth counts and rates are compared to those in the 2014 Annual Summary of Kansas Vital Statistics. Release of preliminary statistics enables program managers and policy analysts to obtain an early picture of selected birth trends. Statistics based on final counts and published in the Kansas Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2015, may be slightly different. Questions can be directed to Greg Crawford, Director, Vital Statistics Data Analysis, KDHE, 785-296-1531 or [gcrawford@kdheks.gov](mailto:gcrawford@kdheks.gov).



## ACCREDITATION CORNER

### Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships - June Webinars



**Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships** (MAPP) is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. Facilitated by public health leaders, this framework helps communities apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues and identify resources to address them. MAPP is not an agency-focused assessment process; rather, it is an interactive process that can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and ultimately the performance of local public health systems.

Upcoming Webinar:

- Action Cycle and Evaluation, Wednesday, June 8, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. [Register here](#). During this webinar, Pooja Verma, Sr. Program Analyst on Performance Improvement, will describe the purpose and phases of the MAPP process, how MAPP can be used to achieve community health improvement goals, develop an action cycle, evaluate the MAPP process, and where to find resources for MAPP implementation.

### Register Now for Governance Webinars

#### Hosted by the National Association of County City Health Officials - June 2 & 15

Part 1: Engaging Local Governing Boards in Public Health Accreditation is scheduled for June 2, 2:00-2:45 p.m. [Register here](#). Speakers, Tiffany J. Huang, MPH, Program Analyst, Performance Improvement and Vicky Bass, MPH, Specialist, Government Affairs, NACCHO will discuss key messages in discussing the process and benefits of public health accreditation, as well as techniques for engaging local elected officials.

Part 2: Working with Local Governing Boards: A Local Health Department Experience will be broadcast, June 15, 1:00-1:45 p.m. [Register here](#). Speaker, Sandy Tubbs, PHN, Administrator, Horizon Public Health, will discuss her experience working with multiple health boards to oversee the merger of three county health departments in Minnesota. Learn about how she identified champions, engaged the community, and successfully implemented a complex process.

### Improving the Improvement of Your Performance Management System



**Performance Management: Improving the Improvement**, Course ID# 1063536 on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> is an [archived webinar](#) with information on how to continuously improve a [performance management system](#). The webinar includes presentations from two local health departments on their experience building, maintaining, and improving their performance management systems. Originally presented in April 2016, the webinar includes presentations from [Jack Moran](#), PHF Senior Quality Advisor, Tami Dillman, Finance Director for the [Central Valley Health District in North Dakota](#), and Robert Hines, Performance Improvement Manager and Accreditation Coordinator in the Office of Surveillance and Public Health Preparedness, Houston Health Department.

By engaging in this webinar, learners will be able to:

- Identify strategies to improve a performance management system
- Describe how these strategies are being implemented by public health departments
- Locate resources and tools for implementing and continuously improving your performance management system

### Key Health Data About Kansas from the Trust for America's Health



The Trust for America's Health is one source of data that can be used during your Community Health Assessment Process. The website includes Key Health Indicators, Public Health Preparedness, Public Health Funding Indicators with State Stories and Examples by year, and sources for the data. Click the [Trust for America's Health](#) to navigate to their website.

## Funding Opportunities

### Healthy Cities Leadership Challenge - Deadline July 27



The Healthy Cities Leadership Challenge is an open innovation challenge focused on recruiting up to ten communities to compete for matching grants of \$25,000 and a chance to secure additional funding during a year-long learning collaborative. The goal of the program is to train community and business leaders to work together to develop and support new models for approaching population health challenges and ultimately improving the health of working families living in their cities, towns and communities. Applications are now open [here](#), and will remain open until July 27.

### Sunderland Foundation Grant Opportunities



The [Sunderland Foundation](#) makes grants annually to publicly supported charitable organizations with tax exempt status under section 501 [c] 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation prefers to make grants for capital and special projects rather than for annual operating expenses. Grants for building construction, renovation, repairs and restoration of facilities are considered. Areas of interest include higher education, youth serving agencies, health facilities, community buildings, museums, civic projects and low maintenance, energy efficient housing projects sponsored by qualified tax-exempt organizations.

Health care and hospitals is a growing area of need in many communities the Foundation serves. In 2015, more than \$1.2 million was awarded to hospitals and health care groups to build and improve their facilities. The Sunderland Foundation primarily makes grants in the geographic areas that have connections to the Ash Grove Cement Company. Grants are awarded in Western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas and Western Iowa, and, to a lesser extent, in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah and Montana. The Foundation generally awards grants to larger, well-established nonprofit organizations. Start-ups and small, grassroots organizations are encouraged to seek funding elsewhere.

[Proposals](#) will be accepted by mail or email. Apply at, [Sunderland Foundation Grants](#).

### American Dental Association Announces Access to Care Grants - Deadline July 29



The [American Dental Association](#) (ADA) Foundation is now accepting applications for its Semi-Annual Grants Program: Access to Care.

- Please read the complete [grant information and guidelines document](#).
- Apply online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/adafoundation/common/logon.aspx>.

All grant applications must be submitted through this online system in order to be considered for funding from the ADA Foundation. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 29. The ADA Foundation hopes to announce the selected grantees in November or early December. The applicant will need to create a user log in first, and will then have access to all documents. To find the grant application click apply on the left hand side in the grant online system once a user log in has been created. Please note that the user will be taken to a third party website to complete an application. If you have any questions contact Tracey Schilligo, Grants Manager at [schilligot@ada.org](mailto:schilligot@ada.org) or at 312-440-2763.

The ADA Foundation is committed to supporting U.S. based organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code whose charitable activities within or without the United States provide access to care and dental homes to the underserved. The ADAF defines the dental home as the ongoing relationship between the dentist who is the primary dental care provider and the patient, which includes comprehensive oral health care, beginning before age one, and continuing throughout the patient's lifetime, with appropriate referral as necessary.

U.S. based organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. Grants will be awarded up to, but not exceed, \$10,000 in the case of Access to Care grants and 5,000 in the case of Education grants. Organizations may submit only one grant request per year for Semi-annual Grant funding under Education, and one grant request per year for Semi-annual Grant funding under Access to Care.

### Walmart Community Grant Program Opportunities



Walmart believes in operating globally and giving back locally – creating impact in the neighborhoods where employees live and work. Through the Community Grant Program, Walmart associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local

organizations. Before applying, please note the 2016 grant cycle began February 1 with the application deadline to apply December 31. Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain pending in the Walmart system for 90 days. Awarded grants range from \$250 to \$2,500. Applications must be completed in full and submitted online to be considered. Submitting an online application does not guarantee funding. Organizations applying include the following:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;

All organizations must verify that they meet the eligibility requirements. This may require submitting a support ticket through Cybergrants. The facility manager and the grant administrator reserve the right to adjust the amount awarded to each organization without prior notice.

Please read the [Community Grant Guidelines](#) before beginning [your application](#).

Community Giving Program Links:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Community Grant Guidelines](#)

# Training and Conference Announcements

## 2016 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here](#) to Access the Calendar

### Personal Protective Equipment Training, Use and Practice for Health and Medical Personnel Final Dates for June



Make plans to attend one of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment sponsored trainings on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The course is presented by the Kansas National Guard, 73<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team and is designed to provide attendees with information and ample time for hands on practice of donning and doffing. Course content focuses on highly infectious disease events. Specific course information and registration for the PPE training is on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, course ID# 1056977. Space in each class is limited, so mark your calendar and register now to attend. There is no fee to attend this course.

The following are the dates and locations scheduled for the trainings. For detailed course information and address for training venue, go to KS-TRAIN.

- June 8, 2016 - Oakley
- June 9, 2016 - Beloit

If you have questions, or need additional information, contact Lisa Williams, [lawilliams@kdheks.gov](mailto:lawilliams@kdheks.gov) or 785-296-1984.

### Iowa Agricultural Medicine: Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals - June 13-17



The University of Iowa, College of Public Health and partners announced they will be hosting an [Agricultural Medicine: Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals](#) training in Iowa City, June 13-17, at the College of Public Health Building. This learning opportunity will provide the information and skills needed to enable safety and health professionals to anticipate, recognize and prevent occupational illnesses and injuries among members of the agricultural community. Successful completion of this course allows qualified participants to join AgriSafe® as a Certified Member. AgriSafe® benefits include clinical resources, technical assistance, continuing education and use of the trademarked name AgriSafe® in promoting agricultural health services. [Click here](#) to access the course brochure.

The targeted audience includes safety and health managers, graduate students, nurses, physicians, veterinarians and anyone interested in the special health and safety needs of rural and agricultural communities. Continuing education credits are available for physicians, nurses and EMS personnel. A certificate of completion will be provided following the course. The training is jointly provided by The University of Iowa College of Public Health; The Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine; The College of Nursing; Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health and the Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety.

### 2016 Kansas Conference on Poverty - July 20-22, Topeka



More than six years past the end of the Great Recession many Kansans have yet to find their economic footing. Median household income remains lower than before the recession. Most people in Kansas, including most families in poverty, have jobs, but in a weak economy where many jobs pay not much more than the minimum wage the path to greater opportunity is hard to find.

What is happening to the American promise of opportunity? How can we restore the promise? How do we work together – across organizations, racial, ethnic and gender differences and geographies – to create opportunities for all? These are some of the questions we want to explore during the 2016 conference.

A distinguished line up of speakers will help address these questions, at the 2016 Kansas on Poverty, July 20-22, Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Topeka. [Click here](#) to access the complete agenda and registration information for the conference. Presenters include:

- Dr. Gloria Wilder, founder of CORE HEALTH and a nationally recognized speaker and expert on poverty and economic segregation in health care. She will speak about health equity, poverty as a key social determinant of health and the importance of expanding Medicaid.
- H. Luke Shaefer, co-author of \$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America. The book has been widely praised for its descriptions of the lives of the very poor and for its analysis of how welfare reform aggravated the problem of deep poverty - the New York Times included it in its list of the most notable books of 2015.
- Tamara Draut, discussing why so many Americans are struggling financially and what we can do to create economic opportunity for all. Ms. Draut is the vice president, research and policy, for Demos, a leading think tank that does a lot of work on economic opportunity. She is widely published and is a frequent commentator on news programs.

In addition to these and other keynote speakers the conference will offer timely and informative workshops on state-of-art anti-poverty programs, agency capacity building, policy issues, advocacy and more.

Conference questions can be directed to Tiffany Jarvis at 785-234-0878.

### Dairy Foods and Their Role in a Healthy, Sustainable Diet - June 16, Webinar



Consumers today are increasingly looking at the food they eat through the lens of “Is it good for me and is it also good for the environment?” Midwest Dairy Council invites you to join Dr. Greg Miller PhD, Chief Science Officer, National Dairy Council, who will discuss the important role that dairy foods play in a healthy, sustainable diet. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 11 a.m. It will offer a wide variety of examples and information you can share with your clients, patients and consumers. Dr. Miller will also highlight how dairy foods offer a great option to help feed a growing population looking for affordable, nutritious diets that also can help reduce chronic diseases and health care costs. Click [here](#) to register.

### Bridging the Gap™ Training for Bilingual Interpreters - August 8-12



Bridging the Gap is a 40 hour training course coming to Manhattan, August 8-12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Kansas State University Department of Modern Languages, 104 Eisenhower Hall, Room 001A. This course presented by Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and taught by Raul O. Guerrero is for beginning and intermediate medical/social service bilingual interpreters.

Participants will take a final exam on the last day of class. A certificate of completion is awarded based on attendance and a passing score on the final exam. The fee for the course is \$500, discounted from the market rate of \$750. JVS may ask you to pay \$100 to reserve a space once you are accepted into the program.

Course objectives are to be able to:

1. Apply the Interpreter's Code of Ethics
2. Demonstrate the appropriate roles of an interpreter
3. Demonstrate the modes of interpreting
4. Demonstrate cultural competency practices
5. Identify medical terms

Fill out the [application completely](#), including email address and educational background and send to [canderson@jvskc.org](mailto:canderson@jvskc.org) or fax to 816-471-2930. If you have questions, call Catherine Anderson, the manager of Language and Cultural Services at 816-471-2808, Ext. 1124, or [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Evidence-Based Public Health Course Scheduled for November 2016



Save the date for the 2016 Evidence-Based Public Health Course, November 14 - 16 in Topeka. The topics, techniques and tools provided will enhance understanding of the principles of health assessment, improvement planning and evaluation. Applied use of evidence-based interventions at the state and local levels is critical to achieving successful public health outcomes, a skilled and adaptable workforce, and more efficient and effective use of resources. This training is offered by the Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Adapted from the Prevention Research Center in St. Louis' highly regarded Evidence-Based Public Health Course, the Kansas course features state specific data, insight from successful Kansas initiatives and guidance from instructors who practice public health in Kansas. As state and local health departments prepare for public health accreditation, the topics, techniques and tools provided through this course will enhance current understanding of principles of health assessment, improvement planning and evaluation. The training blends online modules with a face to face experience for the public health workforce in practice. Questions can be directed to [gpark@kdheks.gov](mailto:gpark@kdheks.gov).

### New TRAIN Online Courses Announced



[Protecting the Public from Mosquito-borne Illnesses](#), Course ID# 1063066: Beth P. Bell, MD, MPH, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, recently discussed the latest research findings about the current Zika outbreak and provided an overview of how health officials and health care providers can protect the public's health from Zika virus infection. Dr. Bell describes prevention messages targeting the public and special groups such as pregnant women and travelers, and identifies credible resources that health officials and health care providers can use to train staff and educate the community about Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

[Shaping Organizational Culture: The Role of Leaders](#), Course ID# 1063065: Leaders at all organizational levels assume many roles in establishing consensus, setting strategic direction and motivating performance. One of the most important roles a leader plays is shaping the organizational culture. This webinar will introduce public health professionals to the essential tasks of effective leaders and highlight leaders' behaviors, attitudes and values that shape an adaptive organizational culture. Participants will also learn about principles and strategies for helping an organization become less bureaucratic and more adaptive.



### Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Introductory Training Available Through KS-TRAIN



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a [Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication \(CERC\)](#) online module posted to [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID # 1048006. The CERC basic online training is designed to increase knowledge and develop competencies in crisis and emergency risk communication practices and strategies. Content is derived from lessons learned during public health emergencies and research in the fields of public health and emergency risk communication.

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, [Risk Communication \(Basics of Public Health Preparedness, Module 10\)](#) Course ID# 1046401, defines risk communication and provides strategies for developing effective risk communication methods. Additionally, it discusses the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and how risk communication fits into the Incident Command System (ICS). It is part of a training series for local health department preparedness staff.

### TRAIN Online Courses to Check Out



[Bullying Prevention Online Course](#), ID# 1062233, is a free, self-instructed, web-based training that provides you with the tools necessary to promote bullying prevention research and best practices in communities across the U.S. and internationally. The goal is to successfully complete the following:

- Define bullying, the many forms it takes, and its effects,
- Discuss best practices in bullying prevention and responding to bullying,
- Highlight compelling examples of prevention strategies that work, and
- Create an action plan and execute your community event.

In addition to providing you information on bullying prevention, the course provides concrete steps for the reader to host a community-level bullying prevention initiative using materials in the Community Action Toolkit hosted on [www.StopBullying.gov](http://www.StopBullying.gov). The Community Action Toolkit includes materials to create a community event using the research, ideas, and bullying prevention and response strategies that you learned about in the course. The Toolkit includes tip sheets, a template event agenda, action planning matrices and feedback forms. Using this Toolkit will help you plan, execute and assess your community event to prevent and stop bullying. This course has continuing education available.

[ATSDR Case Study in Environmental Medicine: Environmental Triggers of Asthma \(Web-based\)](#), Course ID# 1055669. This is one in a series of courses intended to close the educational gap created by a lack of formal training in environmental medicine for health care professionals during undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate training and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) identified clinical competencies in environmental medicine recommended for the primary health care provider. This self-paced, interactive web-based course includes a clinical case study to illustrate and reinforce the principles and practices of environmental medicine of the IOM recommended environmental medicine competencies for primary health care providers. The course is designed to enhance knowledge competence of the primary health care provider in the assessment and management of patients overexposed or potentially overexposed to environmental triggers of asthma to prevent and/or mitigate exposure related adverse health effects. Continuing education credits are available.

[Interpreting Basics: An Introduction to Healthcare and Social Services Interpreting](#), Course ID # 1037207, activated November 2012 and reviewed July 2015 is intended to introduce potential community interpreters to basic interpreting concepts and the Interpreters' Code of Ethics. It specifically discusses confidentiality as the most important rule of interpreting. Individuals who want to become interpreters are encouraged to continue development of their skills and to seek out continued interpreting education. Individuals that successfully complete this training and the post-test will receive a certificate of completion.

### Health in 3D - Diversity, Disparity and Social Determinants



A new course, Health in 3D: Diversity, Disparities and Social Determinants, Course ID# 1063291, on [KS-TRAIN](#), went live in April for the Kansas public health workforce. This educational offering supported by the [Reach Foundation](#), explains how diversity, disparities and social determinants (3D's) apply to your work in public health and is essential in order to effectively deliver public health services. One goal of this training is to help participants look at diversity from a broader perspective and think about populations that are present in Kansas. It is important to understand that one's history, experience, age and geographic location are all part of diversity—not just one's racial or ethnic background. This training will provide more information with stories from Kansans themselves.

### Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next call will be June 28. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.



## News and Resources



### Test Your Knowledge About Dairy Cows

How much do you know about cows? This June Dairy Month, take a brief [quiz](#) to test your knowledge and to learn why cows are very special animals. Thanks to them, we can enjoy milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream and other treats, but they're also fascinating animals.



### Research Shows Exercising Drives Down Risk for 13 Cancers

In addition to protecting hearts, preserving memory and lifting moods, exercise is a powerful cancer-preventive, says [new research](#). Physical activity worked to drive down rates of a broad array of cancers even among smokers, former smokers, and the overweight and obese.



### Citizen-Scientists - Uncle Sam Wants You to Fight Zika

The mosquitoes that can spread Zika are already buzzing among us. The U.S. government could use some help figuring out exactly where. No experience is necessary for what the U.S. Department of Agriculture envisions as a [nationwide experiment in citizen-science](#). Teenagers already have proven themselves up to the task in tryouts involving a small number of high school students and science teachers.



### Maternal Depression Information Resources

Did you know that as many as one in nine women experience depression before, during or after pregnancy. Depression is common and treatable. If you think you or a client has depression, seek treatment from a health care provider as soon as possible. Everyone feels sad sometimes, but these feelings normally pass within a few days. Depression can interfere with daily life and may last for weeks or months at a time. Click the CDC logo to learn more about [maternal depression](#) symptoms, treatment and education resources.



### Protecting the Housing Rights of Domestic Violence Victims

In the U.S., domestic violence will affect millions of individuals at some point in their lifetime. There is a strong connection between domestic violence and homelessness, and both homelessness and domestic violence victimization puts individuals at higher risk for poor physical and mental health. In response, many states have developed legal interventions to help protect the [housing rights of domestic violence victims](#).



### Control of Communicable Disease Manual from APHA Now Offers Zika Chapter

As the public health community continues to ramp up efforts to address the Zika virus, it has a new tool at its disposal. APHA's renowned [Control of Communicable Disease Manual](#) (CCDM) now offers a standalone chapter on the virus. Similar to its treatment of the more than 130 other diseases included in the manual, CCDM's Zika chapter organizes the latest expert guidance in one compact, easy-to-navigate source. It identifies clinical features of the virus, including signs and symptoms of infection along with possible complications such as rare neurological effects and congenital birth defects. The chapter provides information about disease diagnosis, range of occurrence, incubation period, risk groups and modes of transmission as well as guidance on preventing the spread of Zika, management of the patient and patient contacts, and reporting requirements.



### Tobacco 21|KC Launched to Increase Minimum Age of Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Products

The [Tobacco 21|KC](#) effort has been launched by [Healthy KC](#) to encourage cities in the Kansas City metropolitan area to increase the minimum age of sale and purchase of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapor products, and paraphernalia from 18 to 21. Healthy KC is a partnership of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC), and a number of regional health and wellness leaders. It is an effort to advocate for real solutions that help shape individual, organizational and environmental health change through a collaborative, community-wide partnership. It aims to create a culture of health and wellness in Greater Kansas City.



### Tool Developed to Assess Health Communication Messages

You want to develop effective and engaging safe space messaging as part of a bullying prevention campaign in secondary school settings. You decide to search for a tool to help facilitate this process. The Health Communication Unit (THCU) developed the [Health Communication Message Review Tool](#) to help assess or create health communication messages. It outlines criteria for developing a persuasive health message. Click the logo to learn more.

### Processed Food: What Life Would be Like if We Took Nutrition Back to Basics



This article provides commentary on food processing, cutting, chewing and cooking, and how these eating activities have changed over time. The author provides images on the [exercise it takes to burn off high-calorie foods](#). Click the Independent logo to read the complete article and view the images and information on how much time it takes to burn high calorie foods.

### Oral Health America release new State of Decay report



[Oral Health America](#) (OHA) recently released the [State of Decay, Volume III](#). OHA ranked each of the 50 states based on the overall status of their older adult population as measured by an overall state score. The final evaluations for all 50 states revealed that 76 percent or 38 states earned a Composite Score of Fair at 22 percent, or Poor at 54 percent. Ten states received a Composite Score of Good. Only two states, Minnesota and North Dakota, earned a Composite Score of Excellent, with a 100 percent and 96 percent rating respectively.

### Zika is a Warning to the U.S. Public Health System to Stop Rushing From Fire to Fire



With mosquito season looming in the U.S., health officials [expect to see](#) Zika virus infections rise this summer. The disease, transmitted by [Aedes mosquitoes](#), was definitively [linked](#) by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the birth defect known as microcephaly. The government's struggle to come up with sufficient money to battle Zika without compromising other public health efforts has exposed all that's wrong with the U.S. approach to health security. Click the logo to read the complete article.

### Making Infographics For Free



Making infographics looks as if it could be a real design challenge. There are some handy tools out there that allow you to [create infographics](#), and in many cases they are free. The infographics that you create from these tools are visually appealing and sure to attract attention to you.

### June is Dairy Month - Celebrate the Benefits of Milk!



This June Dairy Month, Midwest Dairy Council invites you to join us in celebrating dairy's goodness. Not only do dairy foods taste good, but they are good for our health and good for our budgets. Throughout the month, Midwest Dairy Council will highlight dairy's nutritional and economic value, as well as feature its dairy farm families on MidwestDairy.com. Please check the site often and be sure to engage in conversation with us on Twitter and Facebook. Here's a [fun resource](#) to get you started. Use this fun tool to highlight the health benefits of milk!

### Council on Linkages Releases New Report on Recruitment and Retention in Public Health



Have you ever thought about what influences workers' decisions to choose jobs in public health? Or what helps keep them in those jobs? The [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council on Linkages) has been interested in recruitment and retention within the U.S. public health workforce for many years and has recently released a new report that helps shed light on these questions. [Read the report and find out what is influencing the decisions of public health workers.](#)

### CDC: 1 in 3 Antibiotic Prescriptions Unnecessary



At least 30 percent of antibiotics prescribed in the United States are unnecessary, [according to new data published in the Journal of the American Medical Association \(JAMA\)](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with Pew Charitable Trusts and other public health and medical experts. The study analyzed antibiotic use in doctors' offices and emergency departments throughout the United States. CDC researchers found that most of these unnecessary antibiotics are prescribed for respiratory conditions caused by viruses – including common colds, viral sore throats, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections – which do not respond to antibiotics.

### Science Summary Notes Benefit of Dairy to Lower Blood Pressure

SCIENCE SUMMARY: Blood Pressure



A growing body of research indicates that dairy food consumption is associated with multiple health benefits, including lower blood pressure. The nutrient package in milk, cheese and yogurt, including calcium, potassium and protein, may contribute to the beneficial links between dairy foods and blood pressure. To learn more about the science that supports dairy's health benefits, access National Dairy Council's library of science summaries. This month's feature, [Science Summary Dairy and Blood Pressure](#).

### Job Postings

Applications are being accepted for the positions listed below.

#### Butler County Health Department

- [Part-time Community Health Nurse - APRN](#)

#### City-Cowley County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse](#)
- [Public Health Safety and Preparedness Coordinator](#)

#### Ford County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse](#)

#### Geary County Health Department

- [Nurse Practitioner \(ARNP\)](#)
- [WIC Registered Dietitian](#)

#### Reno County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse Stand by \(PRN\)](#)

#### Riley County Health Department

- [Nursing Supervisor](#)
- [Public Health Nurse - Clinic](#)

#### Sedgwick County Health Department

- [Healthy Babies Nurse](#)
- [WIC Medical Data Clerk](#)
- [Enrollment Specialist](#)
- [Director - Children & Family Health](#)
- [Postdoctoral Research Assistant](#)
- [Nurse Coordinator](#)
- [Part-time WIC Clerk](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

#### Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

<a href="#">Epi Updates Newsletter</a>	<a href="#">Sammelweis Times</a>
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<a href="#">Health Homes Herald</a>	<a href="#">Newborn Screening Newsletter</a>
<a href="#">KanCare Advisor</a>	<a href="#">Nutrition and WIC Update</a>
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<a href="#">Kansas Health Statistics Report</a>	<a href="#">What's Happening Wednesday (Immunization)</a>

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